

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 25, 2003

FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Programs Administrator
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH CALIFORNIA FAMILY HEALTH COUNCIL FOR TITLE X FUNDING

RECOMMENDATION: Approve contract with California Family Health Council in the amount of \$588,727 for Title X funding for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Title X of the Federal Health Services Act provides funds to local agencies for the provision of family planning and other reproductive health services. The federal government has contracted with the County of San Bernardino since 1977 to provide these services to the low-income men and women residing in the County. The California Family Health Council, a private non-profit organization, has been designated by the federal government as the responsible agency for allocation and administration of Title X funds in California.

On July 23, 2002, the Board approved the grant proposal and authorized submission of the grant application to the California Family Health Council for Title X funding in the amount of \$538,727 for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. On November 19, 2002, the Board approved the grant proposal and authorized submission of the grant application to the California Family Health Council for Youth Health Initiative in the amount of \$50,000 for Calendar Year 2003. Both County applications have now been approved and grant funds in the amount of \$588,727 have been awarded and combined into one contract.

Title X funds are coordinated with other funding streams (Family-PACT, Medi-Cal, Managed Care, Private Pay, and County Allocation) to enhance the availability of services. Because California has Family Planning, Access, Care and Treatment (Family PACT) funding through the state Department of Health Services that essentially pays for contraceptive services, Title X funding is utilized to further enable agencies to provide reproductive health services. As such, the Title X contract includes a comprehensive view of the Department of Public Health's reproductive health program and details expenditures associated with all funding streams within the program.

Program Goals

The goals of the Title X program are to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and to provide the means by which low-income men and women residing in San Bernardino County may determine the number and spacing of children. Additionally, these funds are to promote sexual responsibility and provide men and women a greater understanding of reproductive health and the

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means by which they may better determine their reproductive destiny. These goals are achieved by providing the following services: full reproductive health exams, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, education and counseling including counseling on the values of family involvement, contraceptive services, screening for cervical cancer, chlamydia, and other conditions that pose a threat to the overall health of the patient, and community outreach to high risk, hard-to-reach individuals in priority groupings. These priority groups or special populations consist of individuals whose family income is 201%-250% of the federal poverty level, homeless individuals, immigrants, limited English proficiency clients, and substance using individuals. Additionally, a portion of Title X funds is allocated each year to promote partnering activities with agencies throughout the county who do not primarily provide family planning services. These partnerships are established in order to provide education and information regarding reproductive health to a greater array of individuals and to increase access to reproductive health services.

During fiscal year 2001-02, the Department provided Title X services to more than 20,400 unduplicated San Bernardino County residents. These services were delivered countywide in ten clinic sites, three detention centers, and within various cooperating agency facilities, including homes wherein education and clinical services were provided. County service delivery sites include locations in Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Fontana, Hesperia, Joshua Tree, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, San Bernardino, and Twin Peaks.

This agreement provides \$588,727 for the period January 1, 2003 to December 21, 2003. Of this amount, \$94,300 supports partnering with cooperating agencies. Those agencies are Bethel Community Outreach, Inland Empire Job Corps, Central City Lutheran Mission, Chaffey College-Fontana Satellite Center, High Desert One Stop Career Center, Ontario One Stop Career Center, and the Redlands One Stop Career Center.

Partnering agencies must be community partnerships with non-family planning agencies. Agencies are selected through coalition meetings, community contacts, and referrals. Some agencies ask to participate; most are asked to participate. Partners are selected on the following basis: non-family planning agency, serves the same clientele, clients served are at or below the federal poverty level, or clients served are within the 201%-250% of the federal poverty level. One Stop Centers serve clients who fall below the federal poverty level or within the 201%-250% of the federal poverty level. In addition, Public Health is a required partner to One Stop Centers according to the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) by which One Stop Centers operate. The Department of Public Health signs a non-financial Memorandum of Understanding with each partner. No funds are exchanged.

This contract is being brought to the Board at this time as the contract was not received until January 6, 2003. The contract period is designated as January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on January 16, 2003. This item has also been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst) on February 12, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This item imposes no local County Cost. Expenditures are fully reimbursed by the California Family Health Council. Appropriations and revenues in the amount of \$278,913 have been included in the Department of Public Health's approved FY 2002-03 budget. Appropriations and revenues in the amount of \$309,814 will be included in the 2003-04 budget request. Additionally, for the first time in this funding stream's history, the grant allows the Department to charge for indirect overhead expenses. The Department will be returning with a mid-year amendment to reflect this new opportunity.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the Department's recommendation as the program is fully funded by a federal revenue source from which grant funds have been approved.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

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